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<p>Application Number 10/763,087</p> <p>First Named Inventor Alexander G. MacInnis</p> <p>Art Unit 2182</p>		<p>Filed 01/22/2004</p> <p>Examiner Hassan</p>

Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Attorney Docket No. 17403US05)**

In the Application of : )  
MacInnis ) **Electronically Filed**  
Serial No. 10/763,087 ) **January 18, 2011**  
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**PREAPPEAL BRIEF**

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Sir:

This correspondence is filed in response to the Office Action of 09/15/2010. Attached please find: (1) Remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 and 11 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 4, 5, 7-10, and 12 are presently pending and stand rejected. Pre-appeal review is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious from the combination of Ben-Yoseph, Robinett, and Ottinger. Claim 4 recites, among other limitations, "wherein a predetermined minimum interval between subsequent accesses by a device is enforced, and wherein said predetermined minimum interval is long enough for another device to access".

The Office Action indicates that the foregoing is taught at Robinett, column 7, lines 50-67. Robinett is directed to a "Network Distributed Remultiplexer for Video Program Bearing Transport Streams". Robinett teaches assinging a dispatch time to the allocated descriptor of the transmit queue, depending on, for example, a receipt time of the transport packet to which the descriptor points and an internal buffer delay between receipt and output of the transport packet. Each transport packet is outputted in a time slot at a particular dispatch time, corresponding to a predetermined delay in the remultiplexer node. If more than one transport packet is to be outputted in the same time slot, each transport packet is outputted in a separate consecutive time slot.

Assignee respectfully traverses the rejection. It is first noted that Robinett is blind to the device originating the transportation packets. Therefore, not "predetermined minimum interval between subsequent access by a device is enforced". Robinett merely describes a first come, first serve transmission. Note that if the access time of a device is defined as the time the transport

packet is placed in the queue, there is no time restriction against the same device placing another transport packet in the queue. If the time of access is defined as the time of transmission, there is no restriction against the same device transmitting two consecutive packets. In contrast, Assignee claims "wherein a predetermined minimum interval between subsequent accesses by a device is enforced, and wherein said predetermined minimum interval is long enough for another device to access".

Accordingly, for the above reasons, Assignee respectfully traverses the rejection to claim 4 and its dependent claims.

**CONCLUSION**

For at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee submits that each of the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Examiner is requested to pass this case to issuance.

It is believed that all monies for the actions described herein are provided with this correspondence. To the extent that additional monies are required for any of the actions requested in the correspondence, Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees and credit any overpayments to deposit account 13-0017.

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